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Lincoln's Birthday, Valentines are ripe IN THE VALLEY OF THE MOON

And the rains came—aplenty. We're about three times ahead of last year in total quantity. A dam on an Arnold drive ranch suffered erosion damage, lost its spillway, but time will heal its wounds—plus some hard work. No floods. But old Sonoma river and its tributaries are carrying tremendous loads of water—all rushing toward the bay and lost to the Valley for good, a Valley that's usually parched for water in the summer months.

When a man gets away with telling his wife where to go, she probably asked for directions. VALLEY JEWELERS, Boyes.

Haven't actually seen one of those sack (or is ia bag?) dresses in or on the flesh, but from pictures they're in the same class of the old-time Mother Hubbards. Won't stay in vogue very long. They've been around before. We're waiting for a return of the garb of the 20's, when the skirts came about to the knees, and the scenery was beautiful—in many, but not all, cases.

LIONS journey to Calistoga Tuesday. Meet at 6:15 sharp at Woodleaf—car pool in action. Good time guaranteed everybody.

In making corrections last week two lines got misplaced. Result, two perfectly good items were all balled up. But! It also happens in the San Francisco metropolitan papers, too.

MIKE & ROSE'S MARKET, Boyes. Open Wed. to Sat. 10 to 6 except on Saturday, 9 to 7. Highest quality meats. Groceries.

Discovered, a good restaurant, not really new, but new to us. It's the Bathhouse restaurant, run in the main by Dottie Fisher, with her husband a valuable assistant. Location is actually on what could be considered the front porch of the bathhouse. The Fishers formerly operated the Irish inn for Bill Donovan. They specialize in a mer-

chants' lunch, and a big favorite is giant hamburgers, or "farmer's" burgers. Nice to know there's a place like that, inexpensive and handy to reach.

BROADWAY CAFE, Sonoma. Mendel Cader, manager. Completely remodeled. Classy dining room. Congenial. Drop in.

Got to cut it out, we s'pose, but once again we must mention our Portland lawyer friend, Borden Wood, who not only subscribes for himself but for a half dozen others. Latest Moonbeams subscription he sent in is for a Sonoma woman, a relative. Now if we had 100 more like him, we could really say Moonbeams has arrived!

PLAZA LIQUORS (next to B of A, Sonoma). Off-sale liquor, wine, beer, soft drinks. Party favors. Novelties. Exotic foods.

And of course we like bacon in all its various forms, but especially do we like bacon squares, cut on the thick side. Got to keep 'em on the fire a little longer, but the result is magnificent.

PALMS INN, Verano. The Inskeeps your hosts. Home of the Lions. Excellent food, excellent drinks. Meet Carl, Jerry, Rene!

And by the end of February, our San Fran Giants (would rather they'd kept the name of Seals) and all the other major league teams will be busily engaged in spring training activities, mostly in Florida, about three in Arizona. Seems to be a decided interest in the Valley in the Giants, and if this is true in all the Bay region, that old Seals park should be filled for every game. One drawback: It gets colder than billybedamn at night in the Seals stadium.

BATHHOUSE RESTAURANT, on the veranda. Light merchants' lunch. Giant Hamburgers, Farmerburgers. Finest food, low cost.

This isn't really an ad. But if it is, it's only because we know Ed Reedy of Boyes, tax consultant, is just about the best in the business. It's getting along toward that time now, which would indicate a visit with Ed might save you some income tax payments. He's on the highway, close to the center of Boyes.

MENDEL'S CAFE, Boyes Plaza. Steaks, seafood, Spanish dishes. Cocktail bar. NOW: Pizzas, eat 'em here, or take home.

A rundown on the pizza situation hereabouts. Four Corners has 'em in quantity, some 12 or more kinds. Plaza Liquors has discontinued the sale of pizzas, but has added more interesting party delicacies. Mendel's cafe in Boyes, now run by the Provenzanos, is now serving pizzas both in the cafe and to take home. Now you know.

WAYNE POWERS, SWIM POOLS. Quality service, maintenance, chemicals, repairs, heaters. Six years in business. Call LI 5-2955.

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Comes a little hassle between the two national party chairmen about a proposal that everybody pay in a little money to carry on the party campaigns, to be divided. What a silly suggestion in the first place. We're rather strong for one party, though actually an independent. But why should we contribute a nickel to any candidate? Never have. Never will.

SUSAN'S RESTAURANT (formerly Blanche's). West Napa, Sonoma. Short orders or full meals. Splendid coffee. Truckers' stop!

Anyone interested in schools—and who isn't?—should read an article which appeared in U. S. News and World Report January 24. You'll learn plenty. We recommend it to all PTA members, and to all school officials.

RICHFIELD SERVICE, main corner, Boyes. Best equipped station in the Valley. Bud Delaney, proprietor. S & H Stamps.

New business will open in Boyes Springs somewhere along about February 15. It'll be known as Trueman's Yardage and Clothing store, located at a side-rear room at the Valley Jewelers. Mrs. Trueman will be proprietor, with a line of nationally known yardage and name brand clothing specialties for both women and men. Fixtures and decoration are presently occupying the management. Opening day will be announced next week.

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Gardening equipment. Household appliances. Giftware. Paints. Tools. Glass.

The gas price war is on in the Springs, though there are reports it may peter out before long. Price for regular gas in many local stations is 25.9 cents a gallon, down from about 32.6 cents several months ago. In East Bay stations some are selling at about 21 cents.

Only people who win are the customers—but one operator says if it keeps up there won't be any stations operating. A part of the loss sustained by the operators is refunded by the big oil companies, but not all of it.

FOUR CORNERS CAFE, So. Broadway. The finest pizzas, 12 varieties. Imported and domestic beer and wines. Drop in—soon.

Lions club members will journey to Calistoga next Tuesday night for a joint zone meeting with Vallejo, Napa and Calistoga clubs.

This week members looked at a color film of the giant San Francisco convention last June of International Lions, the film run by Vance Osburn of Flowery school.

Three new members were on hand for the meeting.

Next big affair is on March 4, when the local club will be host to a district high school speakers' contest. It'll be ladies' night.

Babe Pinelli was a guest. He will co-chairman, with Al Gordon, the big Father and Son banquet held annually at Veterans' Memorial

building, the date indefinite but undoubtedly early in April. Pinelli, former big league player and umpire, will attempt to get some real stars here from the San Francisco Giants—perhaps Willie Mays, or Antonelli, Rigney, Mails—or all these and others. There'll be at least 500 at the banquet.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

We don't really object to the big spending for missile development and other defense measures, but do rail against increasing the national debt and taxes. At least \$5 billion would be saved if the Hoover recommendations were adopted, and much more if and when various department duplication of effort is eliminated. The democrats are no help, either. Apparently they want to increase every sort of expenditure, in every department of government. Have ALL the brains left Washington?

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. Center of town. Last of the original 11 taverns. Jack London liked the place. It's western!

Mel Larson has formally announced he will seek election as supervisor for the First district in the June primaries. His opponent will be S. Carson Mitchell, appointed a year ago to succeed James Lyttle, resigned. Our support undoubtedly will be for Larson, who is a capable, upstanding, and smart young man, who lives in Boyes Springs, the most populous segment of the district.

MANCUSO WINES, Glen Ellen. Grower-produced. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, and better than most.

Hooray! Now we've got an advertiser who sells and installs swimming pools, of which there are many in the Valley, and there'll be be many more. Read the announcement, somewhere in this issue. Latest one completed here by Wayne Powers is at the Loma Vista home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDougall.

BATES & EVANS, Funeral Directors. 691 Broadway, Sonoma. Sonoma Valley's Pioneer Funeral Service firm. Serving families of all faiths since 1879. WEBster 8-2686.

LAZY R & T SHOP, 412 First St. East, Sonoma. Second Hand Variety Store—used tools, gifts, furniture. Machine saw filing.

Note the Sonoma Water and Irrigation company is now sending out its monthly bills on postcards rather than on slips of paper in envelopes. It's a decided improvement and will save the water company substantial money. Only where have they been all these years? We got bills—water, telephone, gas and electricity—in Lansing, Mich. in the form of postal cards in 1920—and that was 38 years ago.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. Potted plants, corsages, flowers for weddings, funerals, hospitals. We deliver—anywhere.

ADOBE DRUG (Ray S. Duer), 417 First St. W., Sonoma. WE 8-2971
Prescription Specialists Veterinary Supplies

Mike and Rose have reopened their market on almost a full-time basis, after a little slowdown over the holidays. They now will be open the last four days of each week, from Wednesday to Saturday, with hours 10 to 6 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 to 7 on Saturdays.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Noted for splendid cuisine, its excellent bar, luxurious accommodations. Pay us a visit—soon.

B & L LAUNDROMAT, on hiway, Fetters. Save time and money—wash, dry, iron, right here. Especially during the cold season.

There's a number of prominent persons we'd like to see get out of office—pronto, and the more pronto the better. They're no good for the United States. Let's list Dulles, Stassen and Reuther for a starter. There are more—but first things first.

BUD'S GARAGE, corner Railroad & Cherry Sts. Guaranteed finest workmanship. Chevron Service Station. Phone WE 8-3971.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, Arnold Drive. Finest food always. Try our Clown Room. Henry Goulette, manager.

Businessman No. 1: "What d'ya say we get our wives together and have a good time?"

Businessman No. 2: "O. K. Joe, where shall we leave 'em?"

R. A. "BOB" MILLER — "Yours for Life"

Insurance Exclusively

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SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Finest food and drinkables, homelike atmosphere. Italian foods, too. Seafood.

ROSES ARE 'WHAT?' One of the most mournful by-products of the aging process is the realization that Valentine's day doesn't bring the same sweet magic it used to have. Rare are the wonderfully ornate and frilly valentines we once sent with skipping heart to our secret loves. Today's valentine verses are more in the vein of "If you love me as I love you—you're NOWHERE, man!" Why, in some circles violets still may be blue, but to say roses are THAT word is nothing short of subversive.

Backward turn backward, oh Time in thy flight—to the valentine era when old lace came without arsenic; when sentiment was heart-shaped, not square; and when every loving doggerel had its day.

JIM'S MEATS, at Boyes Springs Food Center. Highest quality meats, cut the way you like. Fresh poultry. Delicatessen dept.

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Gathering place for sportsmen—fishermen, hunters, football and baseball fans. Congenial always.

A question to women who wear slacks: "Does your end justify your jeans?"

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Thursday*

MISSION CHAPEL MORTUARY, Funeral Directors, Sonoma. James and Jack Bisso. Only home-owned and operated mortuary serving Sonoma Valley families. WE 8-3357.

CHEF CARDINI'S RESTAURANT, Glen Ellen. Fastidious in its meals, drinkables. Comfortable, luxurious. We cater anywhere.

In S. F. News, addressed: "Dear Cynthia: What do you suggest for a small group of teenagers with a disease of boardness? We are really board! We belong to a couple of clubs, but they don't take up enough of our time." . . .

And Cynthia replied, in part: "Dear Board Stiff: You might spend a little time on spelling and learn how to spell BOREDOM and BORED."

ELECTRONIC DRIVE-IN—TV and Radio—Specializing in Auto Radio. 736 West Napa St., Sonoma. Kraft and Castori. WE 8-4839.

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. John Merlo, prop. Complete menu, Italian foods a specialty. Friendly, western atmosphere.

One of Herb Caen's goodies:

There were two guys sitting on the banks of the Congo river, dangling their legs in the water. Suddenly one turns to the other and says, "Hey, a crocodile just bit off my leg!" "Which one?" asks the friend. "I dunno," says the first. "All crocodiles look alike to me."

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE. "Slim" Wallace. On Arnold Drive. Varied stock—wines, beer, whiskies, liquors.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Home of draft beer, and the Stein Club. Harvey and Melina will serve you. Friendly atmosphere.

A GOOD WHIP FOR THE TEACHERS

If movie producer Mike Todd can deduct from his federal income taxes the cost of the colossal brawl he recently staged in Madison Square garden, then a school teacher ought to be able to deduct the cost of additional study for the purpose of improving his or her ability to teach.

But under present law the teacher can't, and the injustice of this situation is the subject of an article in the December issue of Oregon Education.

The author quotes an angry Indianan who cynically and sarcastically advises the school teachers to "Wake up. Forget post-graduate education. Start, instead, giving cocktail parties for your local school boards. Expenses incurred for such pleasure will be found by our great government to be legitimately deductible from your income tax."

The teachers are doing something, but not what the foregoing paragraph suggests.

They are pushing a bill in congress which seeks to "redefine the necessary business expenses of teachers to include the cost of tuition for summer and evening courses, transportation to and from classes, books and necessary supplies, and the excess cost of living expenses incurred while living away from home and attending school."

Justification for making the cost of Todd's garden "colossal" tax deductible is that it was a vehicle to publicize his very fine move, "Around the World in 80 Days," and therefore a legitimate business expense.

The party fulfilled its purpose, but it did something else too. It gave the school teachers a good whip to use in their drive to win what seems to be tax justice. More power to them.

—Portland Oregonian.

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SONOMA MILL & LUMBER CO., Hiway 12 at the big curve. Super service for contractors, carpenters, home owners, ranchers.

Columnist Doc Quigg, apropos the "sack" look in women's wear: "It's bagging the question."

Edward Teller, "father" of the H-bomb, when asked recently what he expected would be found on the moon: "Russians."

LEE'S CHUCK WAGON, Sonoma highway. Prime ribs. Charcoal broiled steaks. Salad bar. Finest mixed drinks in western style.

PAUL'S OLD RANCHERO, Verano. Superior dinners, cocktails. Banquets a specialty. Music Saturdays—Paul and Buff.

TRUE, TRUE!

Unemployment causes a chain reaction.

When John Smith, steel worker, is unemployed, he spends less money.

He puts off those visits to the doctor and the dentist.

He can't meet the payments on that loan from the bank.

He buys less clothing and food for himself and his family.

He delays repairs on his house.

Grocers, plumbers, theater managers, farmers—all feel the impact of his decreased spending.—U. S. Department of State.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. Time-Ex watches. Soda fountain. A super drug store.

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. Quality foods in all departments, and at lowest prices. Take-out beverages. One-stop market.

You know this is quite a little paper. Also it occasionally asks letters from readers. Comes one from a man (he signed his name) and at first we thought he was a nut, then decided he was really do-

ing a little spoofing. Not sure which yet. But it's a longie, and we can't print it all.

His initial premise is that we've already been "invaded", that he is receiving reports from space objects, and one of the entries goes on in this fashion:

"Our heartfelt thanks to our scientists, mechanics and chemists. Without their help, our success would have been delayed some. Let us not forget our psychiatrists either. It is phenomenal how they have managed to so accurately plot the thought patterns of hominids. First detailed report concerns the latter and the mechanics.

"Their boost to the automotive industry here on earth is one of our prime weapons. These creatures are sadly lacking in the ability to control the latest innovations along these lines. They merely love them and ignore their deadly purpose. This class is one of our largest and is growing by leaps and bounds.

"Our psycho operators have trained millions who delight in violating all precepts of common sense while driving. They drive slow, when they should go fast. Sedately and smugly they drive at 45 mph while traffic in general is moving 55 to 60 mph. They have been trained to delight in coming up behind another of the species with their high lights up, drive too closely behind another, ride the lines instead of in the middle of the lane, forming up into compact groups of such length and so close together that even an emergency vehicle cannot pass without risking a head-on crash.

"They have been indoctrinated to believe that they practically own the road. When crossed or challenged, they generally snarl like a beast and even the most ordinary citizen turns violent at such times. As you can see, the psycho group have really arrived at the answer. The results? More dead people than we could kill in an actual invasion in force. MORE FOLLOWS."

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Superior quality always. Most dealers have 'em.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CLEANING PLANT, Hwy. 12, Boyes. Fast service. Free pickup. All work done on premises. WE 8-5830.

A PROGRAM FOR THE SPRINGS AREA

Solution of the water problem by building a series of dams on Sonoma river to conserve water, prevent floods, and for recreation.

Traffic and parking control in the entire area.

A bridge across Sonoma river, connecting Craig and Thompson.

Procuring of rural delivery and carrier service, from Boyes postoffice. More facilities, use, and suitable names for local Recreation District parks.

A suitable name for the area, preliminary to incorporation as a city.

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